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Application No. Applicant(s) 10/808,535 SCHORR ET AL. Interview Summary Examiner Art Unit Frantz F. Jules 3617 All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) Frantz F. Jules. (3)____. (4)_____ (2) Stephen F. Catlin. Date of Interview: 19 January 2006. Type: a) ✓ Telephonic b) ✓ Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e)⊠ No. If Yes, brief description: _____. Claim(s) discussed: 1,17-20,23 and 24. Identification of prior art discussed: Pitchford, Curtis, and Schorr. Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet. (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's argument of a combined loading rating of all of the springs is less than 6,000 lb/in is not persuassive as at least one coil spring is being claimed in independent claim 1. Also, applicant's argument of a coped or angled surface at the top of the cup is not persuassive in light of the fact that no specific angle or geometry is being claimed. Moreover, applicant's argument of a keying feature extending diagonally about a longitudinal axis of the cup is met by the prior art reference in light of the fact that the the keying feature is positioned on opposite sides along a longitudinal axis of the cup. It was suggested that applicant provides a declaration to explain the major difference between existing spring designs or the unexpected result of his invention.

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